

# DOC and Martin University Focus on Strengthening Diversity

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (June 4, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue kicked off the 2007 Summer Internship Program at the Indiana Women's Prison today. Eight interns from Martin University will be serving in professional roles throughout the Department this summer.

This collaboration was started back in April 2007 between Commissioner Donahue and Martin University President Father Boniface Hardin to strengthen Professional Diversity within the Department and provide an internship avenue for Martin University.

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The internships will help prepare the interns for potential employment in professional positions with the Department, upon graduation from Martin University. The Plainfield Re-entry and Educational Facility, Women's Prison, External Relations, Research and Planning, Staff Development and Training and Parole are some of the areas interns will be spending their time, learning from their mentors.

"Under Governor Daniels' leadership, Indiana is moving forward in creating job wealth while developing a stronger workforce. This program allows future leaders the opportunity to learn hand-on business practices in the daily management of state correctional facilities, said Donahue. "Corrections offers a stimulating environment where individuals can help change the lives of offenders."

Following the introductions, the interns then participated in an eight hour training session on performance expectations. The interns all met their sponsors on Friday, May 25th, started training today,

and will begin their assignments at various IDOC facilities on Tuesday, June 5, 2007. The first session will be completed July 27th with a course evaluation and feedback from participants.

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The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.